

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Northampton"

Hampton farmhouse

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

St. Francis Road

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Baltimore County

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

☒ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

___UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

___YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

___COMMERCIAL

___EDUCATIONAL

___ENTERTAINMENT

___GOVERNMENT

___INDUSTRIAL

___MILITARY

___MUSEUM

___PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

___TRANSPORTATION

___OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

John Ridgely III

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 2877

Folio #: 49

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT

☐ GOOD

☒ FAIR ?

☐ DETERIORATED

☐ RUINS

☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED

☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE

☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES*on separate sheet*

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY

16.34

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Molly Banta

ORGANIZATION

3/14/77

DATE

825-3300

TELEPHONE

STREET & NUMBER

Goucher College

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

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Colonel Charles Ridgely (1702-1772) began buying land in Baltimore County in the mid-eighteenth century--a time when the area was expanding and developing into the commercial center of the state. The Ridgely family and their soon-extensive landholdings were to become a part of that development in that much of this land was used to support a lucrative iron manufacturing business, ^{owned by the Ridgelys} the "Northampton Furnace and Forges". "Northampton", the tract of land on which the farmhouse is situated, and surrounding tracts provided the wood for the charcoal used to fuel the furnaces.

As much of Baltimore County had been surveyed and patented by 1699, anyone purchasing land in the eighteenth century did so from the first, second or third owner. Therefore, none of the Ridgely land in this area was an original grant. "Northampton", a parcel of 1500 acres, was purchased by Colonel Ridgely from Ann and Clement Hill in 1745*. The price of the land indicates that much of it had been cleared and useable buildings were located on it, so it is reasonable to assume that the farmhouse was built prior to the Ridgely acquisition.

"Northampton" and adjacent properties were bequeathed by Colonel Ridgely to his son, Captain Charles Ridgely, forming a 2,000 acre estate.** It was on this estate that Captain Ridgely erected the grandiose Hampton Mansion. The Captain and his wife resided in the farmhouse during the construction of the mansion, which was completed by 1790, the year of Ridgely's death.

The 1799 Federal Tax Assesment evaluated the farmhouse and four out-buildings at \$400.

*8a on map (attached)

** 8a/16a/25a/10a on map

The map was copied from Edmonds, Anne, "The Land Holdings of the Ridgelys of Hampton", Baltimore: 1959.

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Maryland
Baltimore County
District IX

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Hampton Farm House
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1650

One of the earliest houses in Maryland, of log construction.

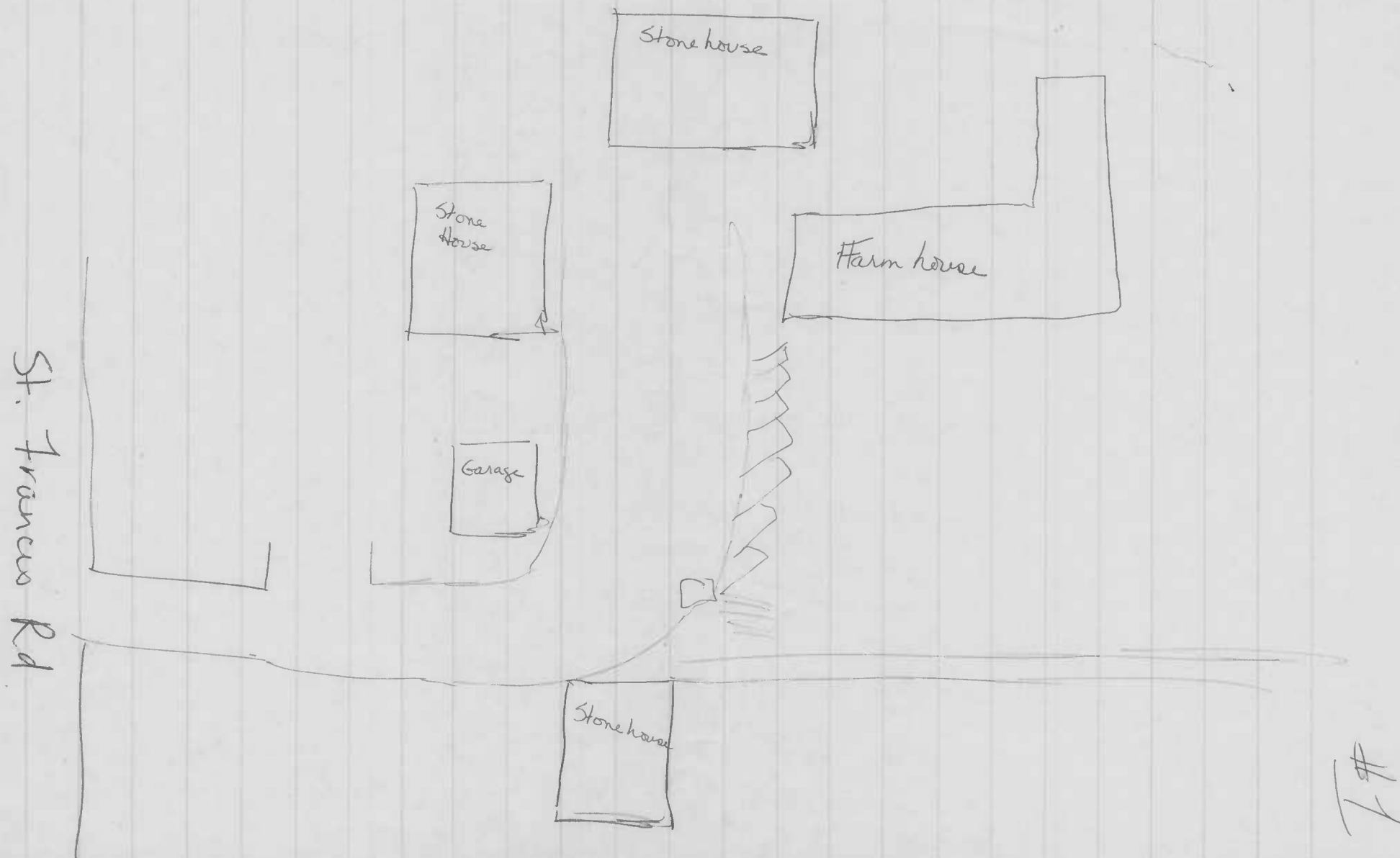
Four wings added at later dates.

Occupied by the Ridgelys.

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Farmhouse and surrounding outbuildings



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